

Chicopee Register

Colleen Court captures moment

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

When the opportunity of a lifetime presented itself to 18 contestants during the 2020 Chicopee Colleen Pageant, five young women took full advantage of the moment. A long-time tradition was renewed on Feb. 22 at the Castle of Knights as a new colleen was crowned.

Hundreds of spectators attended last weekend's Coronation Ball, which was organized by the Chicopee St. Patrick's Parade Committee. Each participant competed for a chance to join the Chicopee St. Patrick Day Parade Committee's Colleen Court.

Among them was 18-year-old Ava Baron, a senior at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. After three long hours, Baron was named as the 2020 colleen.

"I'm absolutely stunned; I wasn't expecting this at all. It was obviously something that I'd hoped for, but to hear my name announced was a dream come true. It's something that I'll never forget," said Baron, overcome with emotion.

Baron will lead the Colleen Court during a number



Ava Baron, seated at center, the 2020 colleen, will be joined by a court consisting of, from left, Caitlin Mogilka, Meghan Kalbaugh, Sophie Warren and Karoline Klaus.

of public appearances over the next 12 months. Her court consists of the four other finalists.

Meghan Kalbaugh, Karoline Klaus, Caitlin Mogilka and Sophie Warren were all selected as court members. They'll stand beside Baron at functions such as the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, Chicopee Memorial Day Parade and the Big E Chicopee Day Parade.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Officials urge more spending on social workers

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Prior to the school year, five clinical social workers were hired to support the social-emotional needs of students throughout the district. On Feb. 19, several Chicopee School Committee members complimented their work, calling for the city to add more social workers to the payroll.

"The schools seem to be so appreciative of the social workers that we're putting in now," said Ward 9 representative Mary Beth Costello. "It seems that if money was available, it would be more ideal for the social and emotional needs of our students to have a social worker in every elementary school."

The committee discussed the matter shortly after ap-

proving \$668,655 for the fiscal 2021 budget to address various needs in the district. When more money becomes available, Costello urged the city to spend it on hiring social workers.

"The social and emotional needs of our kids have to be addressed," she said. "As we speak to the teachers and as we speak to the principals as a group, we realize that the needs of many of these students are increasing."

Ward 8 representative David Schryver has walked the halls of multiple city schools alongside Costello. He agreed that the elementary schools are an ideal landing spot for additional social workers.

"We recognize that these kids are having problems," he said. "We started visiting schools, and I believe that if

we start at the elementary level and work with the kids that are in need, it would move ahead. When they go into high school, they're not going to be as challenged."

Superintendent Lynn Clark noted that the district has "worked hard" to build its current roster of social workers. Not only is Clark aware of the demand for more, she understands it is a top priority.

"We do hear it loud and clear from the elementary level. There absolutely is a need," said Clark. "We actually are thinking about that; it's coming up in the budget meetings with [John Miarecki, director of budget and finance for the School Department]. Also, as far as the surveys that went out for the Student Opportunity Act, it is in the top two for both staff and community."

The School Department is in the process of formulating next year's budget. Miarecki expects that meetings will last through the end of this week; as of last Wednesday, more than half of all meetings had already been completed.

"We're hoping that by the end of the month, we'll be meeting with our department heads and principals," said Miarecki.

Sandra Peret, the Ward 4 representative and the committee's liaison to City Council, didn't avoid the topic of the budget. In a respectful manner, she attacked the issue.

"We heard from some of our school presentations that there is an obvious need. You're working with children who are four years old and moving

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Rep. Petrolati will retire after serving 33 years in office

By Wyatt Aloisio
Staff Writer

LUDLOW — Thomas M. Petrolati has announced that he will not seek re-election to the state House of Representatives in 2020.

Petrolati, 62, was first elected in 1987, and currently serves as the House chairman of Policy and Steering. During his more than three decades in public office, the longtime Hampden County Democrat has worked tirelessly on issues impacting the lives of the people in his district, which consists of Precinct 6B in Chicopee; his hometown of Ludlow; Ward 8, precincts E, F and G in Springfield; and Belchertown precincts B, C and D.

One of Petrolati's primary goals while in office was to support economic development in Western Massachusetts. To that end, he worked with a group of local lawmakers to facilitate the transfer of a 5.4-acre parcel of land in Belchertown from state to local control. The property, once the site of the Belchertown State School, had lain dormant for numerous years and now serves as the home of the Belchertown Police Station, the Belchertown Senior Center, Christopher Heights Assisted Living Facility, and Easthampton Savings Bank, with further economic development opportunities on the horizon.

Among his other efforts while in office, Petrolati also played a key role in procuring a \$52 million bailout for the city of Springfield in addition to acquiring funding for the revitalization of the Convention Center and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

In recent years, Petrolati has led the



Rep. Thomas Petrolati

effort to secure \$70 million in state funding for the redevelopment of the Ludlow Mills complex. The Mill No. 10 building, which opened in the fall of 2017, has been revitalized to include 74 new apartments for residents age 50 and older. Next door, current efforts by project leaders West-

Mass Area Development Corporation aim to see the 214,208-square foot, three-floor Mill No. 8 building converted to house 89 apartment units, including 17 affordable housing apartments, and 40,000-square-foot of space on the first floor for commercial use.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Hampden County," said Petrolati. "I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the years. I ran for office because I wanted to make a difference. I couldn't have done that without the backing of the voters."

Petrolati gave his thanks to his wife, Kathy, and his daughters, Ashley and Dorothy, for their support. He acknowledged the dedication and hard work of longtime staff members Colleen Ryan, Ricky Burkot, Ellie Marshall, and the late Gary Ziencina.

As for what comes next, the life-long Ludlow resident is looking forward to spending time with his three young grandchildren. Although he will be leaving office, Petrolati said he plans to continue to advocate for causes in the local area that remain important to him.

Partnership produces homes for the disabled with \$2M bond

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

It was recently announced that 28 residences will be constructed or fitted to house individuals with intellectual disabilities, including at least one in Chicopee. CIL Central Realty of Massachusetts will build the homes with a \$20 million bond issued by MassDevelopment, a state agency.

The residences will be scattered across the state in 22 different cities and towns. Making the list in Western Massachusetts are Agawam, Charlton, Chicopee, Greenfield, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Southampton, Springfield, Ware and West Springfield.

"The people that live in these homes, they could be anybody. They could be the person you're seeing in the grocery store," said Samantha VanSchoick, CIL's marketing and business development manager. "I think that it's important to remember that anybody could be in a situation where they need to live in a community residence."

CIL is a nonprofit real estate developer that specializes in renovating or building residences for individuals with a range of developmental disabilities. The company operates in Massachusetts and Connecticut and has completed projects at nearly 300 separate properties.

More than 80 of the group's projects have been financed with tax-exempt bonds issued by MassDevelopment, an agency that fully supports CIL's mission of providing homes for people that need them.

"For decades CIL Realty of Massachusetts has been an invaluable resource. ... We are proud to partner with the organization once again and provide financing to support an additional 28 community residences across the commonwealth," said Lauren Liss, president and CEO of MassDevelopment.

Before embarking on a venture, CIL communicates with various human service providers to discuss the ideal placement of a residence. VanSchoick noted that locations are selected "entirely based

off of where people want to live."

Without a developer such as CIL, service providers would be forced to pay the majority of the costs that are required to develop and open a residence. The gravity of the task is not lost on VanSchoick, who has a brother with autism.

"For us to be able to work with MassDevelopment and get this financing in place, it allows people to live independently and get people out of nursing homes; not everybody wants to live in a nursing home," said VanSchoick, who estimated that a typical project costs anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Each town that houses a residence will likely benefit, said VanSchoick. She said local economies have been positively impacted by past endeavors and the demand that is created.

"The effect of that can be great for jobs and contractors and subcontractors building the homes, and then also for service provider positions, which I know are always looking for people," said VanSchoick.

A total of 336 human-service industry jobs will be created in the 28 communities that the project has targeted. Eighty-five construction jobs will also be supported.

Each facility will be managed and operated by an organization that leases it. A single residence houses four to six Massachusetts residents.

A release from MassDevelopment stated that the agency financed or managed 316 projects during fiscal 2019. The projects, in turn, generated an investment of more than \$2 billion in the state's economy.

It is estimated that the aforementioned projects created or supported nearly 10,000 jobs and preserved just shy of 2,000 housing units. CIL fully recognizes and appreciates the work that the agency has done.

"CIL has a strong partnership with MassDevelopment," said Chris Canna, president of real estate development for CIL. "With their help, we are able to fulfill our mission of providing affordable and accessible living options to those in need."

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Barry School to stage 'Frozen Jr.'

All are invited to "Let it Go" for the love of theater next week, as the students of Barry Elementary School stage Disney's "Frozen Jr."

Directed by Janet and Jim Maynard with choreography by Katelyn Nadeau and set/costume design by Deb Sutherland, performances will take place Thurs-

day and Friday, March 5 and 6 in the auditorium of Bellamy Middle School, 314 Pendleton Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$10 or \$8 for students and seniors.

For more information, call Rachel Williams at 594-3425.



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Presidential, state senate primaries slated for Tuesday

By Michael Ballway
Staff Writer

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. next Tuesday, March 3, for the Massachusetts presidential primary election and a special state senate district primary election.

Chicopee voters will help determine the winners of four parties’ primary elections for U.S. president, local delegates to state party committees, and the members of ward party committees. On a separate ballot in precincts 7A, 7B, 8A and 9A only, voters will help choose the nominees for the March 31 special election for state Senate.

Tuesday’s voting will take place at several precinct polling locations throughout the city.

Ward 1, both precincts: Bellamy School, 314 Pendleton Ave.

Ward 2, Precinct A: Patrick E. Bowe School, 115 Hampden St.

Ward 2, Precinct B: Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road

Ward 3, both precincts: Stefanik School, 720 Meadow St.

Ward 4, both precincts: Chicopee Senior Center, 5 W. Main St.

Ward 5, Precinct A: First Central Baptist Church, 50 Broadway

Ward 5, Precinct B: Ahepa Hall, 193 St. James Ave.

Ward 6, Precinct A-North: Knights of Columbus, 1599 Memorial Drive

Ward 6, Precinct A-South: Sheridan Circle Community Building, 1 Central Ave.

Ward 6, Precinct B-East: Litwin School, 135 Litwin Lane, off Burnett Road

Ward 6, Precinct B-West: Sheridan Circle Community Building, 1 Central Ave.

Ward 7, both precincts: Legacy Church Hall, 790 Chicopee St., off St. Louis Avenue

Ward 8, Precinct A: Chicopee Housing Authority, 7 Valley View Court

Ward 8, Precinct B: Anna Barry

School, 55 Connell St., Holly Street entrance

Ward 9, both precincts: Knights of Columbus, 1599 Memorial Drive

Any registered voter who did not participate in absentee or early voting can go to the polls on March 3. Registered members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow or Libertarian parties may vote in their own party’s primary election. Unaffiliated (“unenrolled”) voters may choose any party’s ballot upon checking in at the polling place.

In precincts 7A, 7B, 8A and 9A, voters will be handed two ballots — one for the presidential and party committee races, and one for the state senate race. Unaffiliated voters do not have to choose both ballots from the same party.

Chicopee residents can check their voter registration status and precinct assignment at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. The last day to register to vote, or change parties, in time for the primary election was Feb. 12.

Presidential candidates

All four parties have contested races for their presidential nominees. The candidates are listed in ballot order.

Democratic: Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, Minnesota U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Colorado U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Hawaii U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, New Jersey U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, former San Antonio, Texas, Mayor Julian Castro, California hedge fund manager Tom Steyer, Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden, former Maryland U.S. Rep. John K. Delaney, New York entrepreneur Andrew Yang, former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and California author Marianne Williamson. Bennet, Booker, Castro, Delaney, Patrick, Williamson and Yang appear on ballots even though they are no longer actively campaigning.

Republican: Former Massachusetts Gov. William F. Weld, former Illinois U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh, incumbent President Donald J. Trump, and California businessman Roque “Rocky” de la Fuente. Walsh appears on ballots even though he has suspended his campaign.

Green-Rainbow: Dario Hunter of California, Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry of California, Kent Mesplay of California, and Howard Hawkins of New York.

Libertarian: Arvin Vohra of Maryland, Vermin Love Supreme of Massachusetts, Jacob George Hornberger of Virginia, Samuel Joseph Robb of Pennsylvania, Dan Taxation is Theft Behrman of Texas, Kimberly Margaret Ruff of Arizona, Kenneth Reed Armstrong of Oregon, Adam Kokesh of Arizona, Jo Jorgensen of South Carolina, and Max Abramson of New Hampshire. Ruff appears on ballots even though she has suspended her campaign.

State Senate

In precincts 7A, 7B, 8A and 9A only, the March 3 election also includes a special primary ballot for state senator in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District, which includes those four precincts of Chicopee, as well as 10 cities and towns to the west. State Rep. John Velis of Westfield is the sole candidate for the Democratic nomination. Businessman John Cain of Southwick is the only Republican running. The nominees will face each other in a March 31 special election. The winner will serve the remainder of the term vacated by state Sen. Donald Humason Jr. in January. Humason, a Republican, resigned after being elected mayor of Westfield. There are no senate candidates on the Green-Rainbow or Libertarian primary ballots.

The term to be served expires at the end of this year; the district will elect — or re-elect — a state senator for the following two years at the general election in November.

Party committees

Also running on the presidential ballot are candidates for the Democratic and Republican state committees. Committee members represent a state Senate district. As Chicopee is split among several senatorial districts, the candidates are different from precinct to precinct.

In wards 1, 5 and 6, and precincts 8B and 9B, there is a race for Republican state committeeman between Sidney M. Starks of East Longmeadow and Douglas D. Lyman of Chicopee. Deborah L. Martell of Ludlow is the sole candidate for GOP state committeewoman. The candidates for Democratic committeeman and committeewoman are also unopposed: Bruce Samuel Adams Jr. of Springfield and Marygail Cokkinias of Longmeadow.

Wards 2, 3 and 4 also have a race for Republican state committeeman, between Mark D. Bergeron and Nathan A. Bech, both of West Springfield. The only candidate for Republican state committeewoman is Marie A. Bergeron. The Democratic candidates, Daniel P. Kelly of West Springfield and Karen E. Hansmann of Chicopee, are unopposed.

In Ward 7 and precincts 8A and 9A, the race for Democratic committeeman is contested, between Raymond M.P. Drewnowski of Holyoke and David George Morin of Agawam. The others are not contested: Marjorie R. Dunechew of Holyoke for Democratic state committeewoman, Richard A. Berrena of Holyoke for Republican state committeeman, and Linda Vacon of Holyoke for Republican state committeewoman.

There are no candidates for state committee on Green-Rainbow or Libertarian ballots in any of Chicopee’s precincts.

Each precinct’s presidential ballot also includes candidates for ward party committees. In each ward, the number of candidates is fewer than the number of seats available. In many cases, there are no candidates.

Stop & Shop raising funds to fight diabetes

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

For the 24th consecutive year, local Stop & Shop branches are partnering with JDRF, formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, to help find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Approximately 130 locations are contributing to a fundraising campaign that aims to halt type 1 diabetes in its tracks.

JDRF is a nonprofit organization that funds type 1 diabetes research. To contribute to the cause, Stop & Shop is currently offering customers the option to donate \$1, \$3 or \$5; customers can also round up their purchase to the nearest dollar, donating the additional sum to the nonprofit.

Stop & Shop operates a store at 672 Memorial Drive in Chicopee.

“All of the stores in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut along with Westchester and Hudson Valley in New York are participating. The program runs from now through March 1,” said Maura O’Brien, a manager of external communications at Stop & Shop.

Since partnering in 1997, Stop & Shop and the JDRF have enjoyed a successful relationship. Over the years, the duo’s fundraising efforts have assisted countless individuals suffering from type 1 diabetes.

Organizers have lofty expectations for the 2020 campaign. O’Brien offered a projection for the ongoing fundraising effort.

“Our goal for this year is to exceed what we raised last year, which was over \$260,000 just in the [local] market area,” she said. “We have goals of meeting and exceeding our 2019 fundraising. Every year it’s been a success, which is why Stop & Shop and JDRF continue to partner with each other year in and year out.”

Sage Skinner, a 5-year-old girl from Stafford Springs, Conn., is serving as the spokesman of the 2020 drive. Skinner lives with type 1 diabetes and serves as an advocate for all those diagnosed with the disease.

“Sage describes herself as brave. To be 5 years old and describe yourself as brave is pretty tremendous in our eyes. She’s a

very rambunctious little girl with so much personality who refuses to be slowed down. We’re really proud to be able to work with her at the JDRF to help find a cure for T1D,” said O’Brien.


O’Brien oversees a variety of fundraising campaigns and community relations programs each year. The two-week drive to oust type 1 diabetes is among her favorites; O’Brien admires the daily resilience that is displayed by individuals with the disease.

“It’s a 24/7 disease, and it’s something that someone with diabetes has to be mindful of at all

times. It’s a ‘mind over matter’ process. They need to be prepared to react to whatever issues they might come across throughout the day,” said O’Brien.

For more information regarding the JDRF and type 1 diabetes Research, one can visit jdfrf.org. To O’Brien emphasized the significance of even the smallest contribution; every dollar counts.

“Any small amount really helps; those nickels and dimes eventually add up to a large number, and that number will eventually be able to do a lot for research and hopefully finding a cure for T1D,” she said.



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Neighbors helping neighbors...



Ruth Willemain (left), founder of Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, and Brooke Phillips, director of marketing for the Arbors at Chicopee, pose for a recent picture. Phillips and a group from the Arbors dropped off donations and joined Willemain for hot chocolate. To learn more about Harmony House or to donate, visit harmonyhousewma.org.



AT THE REC

OPEE Summer Adventures Staff Applications

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for counselor positions for the OPEE Summer Adventures program. Counselors must be at least 18-years-old or 17 if they have gone through OPEE's LIT program. The summer day program, held at Fairview Elementary School, will run seven weeks this year from June 29-Aug. 14. Staff applications may be obtained at the 687 Front St. office. For more information, contact Dan at dwoodill@chicopeema.gov.

Tang Soo Do Korean Martial Arts

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes in Tang Soo Do, a Korean martial art. Led by instructor, Master Jeffrey Bulissa, a fourth degree black belt in Tang Soo Do, participants will learn about self-defense, confidence and physical fitness. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The following classes are being offered: Little Dragons (ages 5 to 6): 6 to 6:30 p.m., Gups Beginners (ages 7 and up): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Gups (Advanced) (ages 7 and up): 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each session will consist of eight classes and run through Feb. 26. Costs \$40/Little Dragons \$50/Gups Beginner & Advanced. All classes are held at Chicopee Parks and Rec. Department. Registration may be done at the Chicopee Parks Department 687 Front St.

Open Swim Program

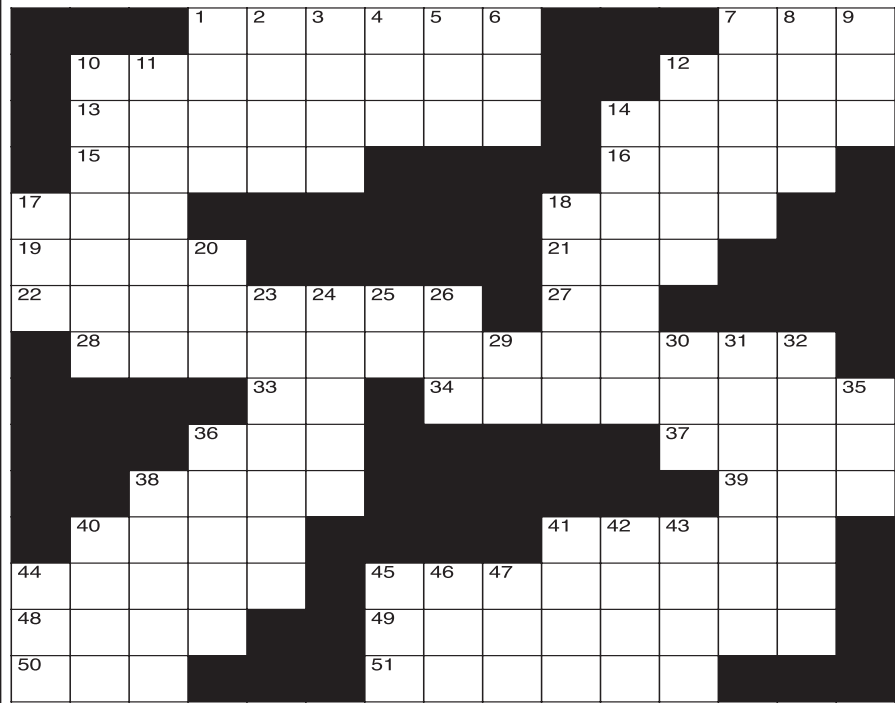
The Parks Department will hold an Open Swim at the Chicopee High School Pool on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. now through March 8 at a cost of \$3 per person. The program is open to residents only and positive identification is required at the door. All children 18-years-of-age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Children who have not been toilet trained must have swim diapers. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 594-3481.

Houston Astros vs. Boston Red Sox

Chicopee Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with The Travel Group, announce a trip on Friday, May 22 to see the Boston Red Sox play the Houston Astros at Fenway Park for a 7:10 p.m. game. The package includes: roundtrip coach transportation and reserved seats in the infield grandstand (section 11, rows 11-15). Cost is \$139 per person, and the deadline to register is Friday, April 3. There are a limited number of only 20 seats available for the trip. The bus will depart from Szot Park at a time to be determined. To register, visit the Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department at 687 Front St. For information, call 594-3481.

Boston Red Sox vs. Chicago Cubs

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with The Travel Group, would like to announce a four-day getaway trip (June 18-21, 2020) to see the Boston Red Sox take on the Chicago Cubs for two games at Wrigley Field. The trip includes: roundtrip air from Hartford to Chicago, Illinois, three nights at the Hampton Inn that includes breakfast, reserved tickets for two baseball games, a guided bus tour of Chicago and Navy Pier, and hotel room taxes. Cost for the trip is \$1,299 (each) for a double, \$1,249 for a triple, and \$1,499 for single occupancy. A \$300 deposit is due at sign up, with full payment due by April 15, 2020. To sign up, visit the Chicopee Parks Department, 687 Front St. For more information, call 594-3481.



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Stain one's hands
 - 7. Subdivision
 - 10. A passage to be performed slow
 - 12. Invests in little enterprises
 - 13. Medians
 - 14. Member of the giraffe family
 - 15. Makes official
 - 16. Choose in an election
 - 17. Hill or rocky peak
 - 18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
 - 19. Crest of a hill
 - 21. Small, faint constellation
 - 22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
 - 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy

33. Chinese drums

34. Merits

36. Indicates center

37. Increases motor speed

38. Mentally fit

39. BBQ favorite

40. Wings

41. Female parents

44. Marks left from wounds

45. Soften by soaking in liquid

48. They resist authority (slang)

49. Formats

50. Many subconsciousnesses

51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Mental object
 - 2. Blackbird
 - 3. Undergarments
 - 4. Old cloth
 - 5. One from Utah
 - 6. Greek goddess of the dawn
 - 7. Become less intense
 - 8. Developed to readiness
 - 9. Defunct phone company
 - 10. About Freemason
 - 11. Taking everything into account
 - 12. Famed Czech engineer
 - 14. Impress into silence
 - 17. Boxing term
 - 18. Marketplaces
 - 20. Pounds per square inch
 - 23. Locomotives
 - 24. Short musical composition
 - 25. Football position (abbr.)
 - 26. Heavyhearted
 - 29. Denotes particular region
 - 30. Famed NHLer
 - 31. Ingested too much
 - 32. Formulates
 - 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
 - 36. Broad, shallow craters
 - 38. Thick cuts
 - 40. Breezed through
 - 41. Breakfast is one
 - 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 - 43. Periodicals (slang)
 - 44. Indian title of respect
 - 45. More (Spanish)
 - 46. Creation
 - 47. A loud utterance

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along in the system," said Peret. "Obviously, those situations that they're facing aren't resolving in a year or two, so it seems that, if we can have it in the budget, there's an obvious need to help the children as they move along to

be able to be educated."

The value of the district's social workers and the wide scale call for more will surely be prominent during budget discussions. How much action will be taken remains to be seen, but committee members are confident that the district will progress forward.

"When there is a problem with a student's behavior, and the student is challenged, the teacher then has to become a social worker and a teacher. That's a very difficult role to be put in," said Costello. "It's not like the days of 'Leave it to Beaver.' Now, you may have a parent that has a substance abuse use disorder or is battling that addiction, and grandparents have to step in. We have to expand the support services."

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Consumer Protection Week

The Council on Aging will host the Springfield Mayor’s Office of Consumer Information Friday, March 6 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

The Office of Consumer Information is a Local Consumer program funded by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. Representatives will be available to answer any consumer related questions or concerns.

Census 2020

The Council on Aging will host Zoraia De Jesus Barros, a federal Census specialist Monday, March 9 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills.

This information session will highlight why the Census is important, how citizens may receive help completing it online, and how one may become a paid Census worker.

Celtic Celebration

The Council on Aging will host Davis Bates for “A Celtic Celebration” Tuesday, March 10 at 1 p.m. at RiverMills, 5 West Main St.

Bates, an award-winning storyteller, will present “A Celtic Celebration: Songs and Stories for the Season.” This program will involve audience participation in a variety of cultural traditions, which will include traditional songs from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and stories. Light refreshments will be served.

Register in advance at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

This performance is funded in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Red Cross Ready for Seniors

The Council on Aging will offer the program “Red Cross Ready for Seniors” Thursday, March 12 10 a.m. at RiverMills.

Representatives from the American Red Cross of Massachusetts will visit RiverMills Center to present a program that focuses on disaster preparedness and safety. Although this is a free event, registration is required at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

AARP Homefit

The Council on Aging will offer an AARP HomeFit Program Monday, March 16 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Dr. Joan Simmons, professor of occupational therapy at Springfield College, will present this program, which will discuss ideas that can help improve safety in the home and decrease one’s risk of falls. Although this is a free event, advance registration is required and may be done at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

Check Your Meds Day

The Council on Aging will host Louis & Clark Pharmacy for the program titled, “Check Your Meds Day” Wednesday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills.

A pharmacist from Louis & Clark Pharmacy will visit the center to go over any medications folks may have questions about. Although this is a free event, registration is required, and may done at RiverMills Center.

Medication and Safe Disposal at RiverMills Center

The Council on Aging will offer a Medication Safety Disposal Program Wednesday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at RiverMills.

Commonwealth Care Alliance will visit RiverMills to discuss safe ways to dispose of prescription medica-

tions and why it is important. A pharmacist will be available to answer questions, as well as a representative from the Hampden County District Attorney’s Office. The Chicopee Police Department will also be on hand if you would like to dispose of any medications appropriately.

While free, advance registration is requested and may done at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

Red Sox Opening Day

The Council on Aging will host a Red Sox opening day celebration Thursday, March 26 at 1 p.m. at RiverMills.

All are encouraged to help RiverMills celebrate the opening of the 2020 Boston Red Sox season. Enjoy a hot dog, popcorn and an ice cold drink. This event is sponsored in part by The Arbors Assisted Living.

Friends seeks president

The Friends of Chicopee Senior Citizen’s Inc. is looking for a new president and recording and corresponding secretaries. Installation of newly elected officers shall take place at the June 12 meeting.

The Friends is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the city’s older adults. The Friends are a main funding source for RiverMills and the Council on Aging. The Friends meet the second Friday of every month at 10 a.m. where fundraising and progress is discussed.

For more information about becoming a member of the Friends or to learn more about the open positions contact Friends Vice President Steve Michalik at 413-532-3544.

Therapeutic Foot Massage

The Council on Aging offers Therapeutic Foot Massages on the fourth Monday of each month beginning starting at 9:30 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Licensed Massage Therapist Debee Boulanger of Abundant Wellness will be offering these foot massages. Choose from either CBD or an essential oil blend. The cost is \$40 for a 30 minute massage. Folks must register in advance at RiverMills. Upon registration, participants must fill out an intake form which allows Boulanger to maximize the effectiveness and safety of her services.

Yoga

The Council on Aging offers three yoga classes during the week. Chair Yoga is offered every Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m. and is led by Deborah Beiermeister. Monday Morning Yoga is offered every Monday starting at 11 a.m. and is led by Caitlin Lavin. Thursday Afternoon Yoga is offered every Thursday at 3 p.m. and is led by Deborah Beiermeister.

Additionally, the COA and Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department are offering yoga every Tuesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

All yoga classes cost \$3 and RiverMills Center, located at 5 West Main St. Call 534-3698 for registration and more information.

Buried in Treasure

The Council on Aging will host the “Buried in Treasures” support group on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. This is a support group about the compulsive acquiring, saving and hoarding of objects, and people having trouble managing their possessions. To register or for more information, call 534-3698.

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FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Youth Chess Club

Mondays in March – 4 p.m.

Children of all ability levels are invited to the library to participate in the Youth Chess Club offered throughout the month of March on Monday evenings at 4 p.m. Learn the game or develop strategy with instructor Andy Morris-Friedman. Children younger than 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Call 413-594-1800, ext. 4, for more information.

STEAM Club

Tuesday, March 3

Children ages 6 to 9 years old are invited to the bi-weekly STEAM Club at the Chicopee Public Library. Participants explore concepts related to science, technology, engineering, art and math through hands-on experiments and activities. Children complete crafts, construct projects, solve problems and learn how STEAM shapes the world. To register, call 413-594-1800, ext. 4.

Read to Rover

Wednesday, March 4 – 4 p.m.

Popular pediatric therapy dog Stanley will visit the library Wednesday, March 4, at 4 p.m. for the Read to Rover program. Children 5-years-old and older are welcome to read to Stanley in a program designed to help improve reading ability. For more information, call 413-594-1800, ext. 4.

2020 Fly Fishing Expo to take place March 16

LUDLOW – The Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen Club announced the 2020 Fly Fishing Expo will cast off Monday, March 16, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ludlow Lodge of Elks, 69 Chapin St.

Expert fishing guides, fly fishing equipment manufacturers and dealers, state wildlife experts and various other exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions, demonstrate fly tying and sell gear.

Guest speaker Dan Trela will give a presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. titled “Fishing the San Juan River,” as well as other fly fishing experiences.

Guests will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of raffles, including a complete fly tying kit, a door prize raffle for a fly fishing combo kit with 30 hand-tied flies, and others.

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EDITORIAL

Contested race will yield a better senator

Voters in the state Senate district formerly represented by Donald Humason should be glad to have a choice in next month's special election, though perhaps a little disappointed that there are only two candidates.

Just one Democrat and one Republican are on the March 3 special primary election ballots in Chicopee precincts 7A, 7B, 8A and 9A. That's enough to guarantee a contested race in the March 31 general election, but less interest than one would expect for an open seat in a district with a history of continuously re-electing incumbents, covering a collection of towns that have shown they are willing to elect, and re-elect, both Democrats and Republicans. Not to mention the timing of the election — standing alone in March, affording all the state representatives, city councilors, selectmen and School Committee members in the district the opportunity for a "free run" at the state Senate without having to give up re-election to their current seats.

With such a diversity of opinion on display within the two major parties — just look at the wide range of options in this year's Democratic presidential primary, and at the large and varied field for the Republican nomination in 2016 — it would have been nice to see several would-be senators step forward, to present voters with a primary fight in addition to the general election.

Instead, state Rep. John Velis of Westfield staked out his claim early as the front-runner for the Democratic nomination and quickly moved to make himself the prohibitive favorite. Though he only represents one of the district's cities, he's been showing up at community events throughout the region for months — long before he "officially" declared his candidacy.

On the Republican side, it looked for a little while like the party wouldn't have a nominee at all, after decades of GOP representation through Humason and Mike Knapik. Neither state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, nor any of the Republican or conservative-leaning town officials in the district seemed interested in the job. John Cain, a Southwick resident and Agawam businessman, instead suspended his 2020 congressional campaign to run for state Senate.

The district has a history of clean-fought elections that nonetheless feature candidates with differing views. That has something to do with the cities and towns that make up the district, with a large mass of urban, liberal voters along the northern tier — Easthampton, Holyoke, Chicopee — and a group of rural, very conservative towns in the southwestern corner — Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland. In the middle are the coveted swing votes of Agawam and Westfield.

Each of these regions deserves to be represented in the March campaign, and with candidates from both major parties, it looks like they will be. A contested election will allow Humason's successor to be chosen in a debate on the issues, rather than a coronation. It will force both sides to answer questions and make promises not only to their own base, but their own moderates and to swing voters from the other side. No matter which of these candidates is elected in March, he will be a better and more accountable Senator after having gone through the process.

Contested elections are always good. This one will be no exception. It's only a shame that voters won't have a choice to make in the primary elections, too.

What do you think about the election? Send your letters to the editor to chicopeeregister@turley.com.

GUEST COLUMN

Joan E. B. Coombs



Looking before we leap

"Look before you leap" are words of wisdom. This proverbial expression cautions us to carefully consider the consequence of our actions and choices. It advises us to really think about what you want to do before you do it.

This year of 2020 is a known as a "Leap Year." Usually every 365 days equals one year, but in our common calendar year, every fourth year has one extra day in February. Adding an extra day keeps planet earth in sync with the astronomical or seasonal year. This year, Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, is that extra day.

But, before we leap into those additional 24 hours, perhaps we can consider interesting facts?

Do you know that those who are born on Leap Year Day may be called "leaplings," and that their actual birth date happens only every four years? However, family and friends can celebrate what day on either Feb. 28 or March 1. Regarding births on Leap Year Day, statistics appear to show the news that a baby has about a one in a 1,461 chance to be

born on a Leap Year day.

"What about weddings on Leap Year Day?" you may ask. For those who were married on that date, they will officially celebrate fewer wedding anniversaries. However, I recently learned that one of the main reasons for choosing that specific date was, "Because it was easier to remember."

Reportedly there are Leap Year adages to see before we leap into those extra 24 hours:

"Happy Leap Year Day. Why not use these extra 24 hours to their fullest? Do something kind and make a difference in someone else's day?"

"Take a leap. This is that free day you've been waiting for. It's an extra 24 hours you didn't have last year."

A leap is a word signifying action. A jump; a bound over a hurdle. Merriam-Webster also states: "It can also resemble a change made in an area of ultimate concern." Or, it may be defined as "A sudden passage or transition."

Within any one of the above definitions, could the days before the upcoming 24-hour Leap Year day be a

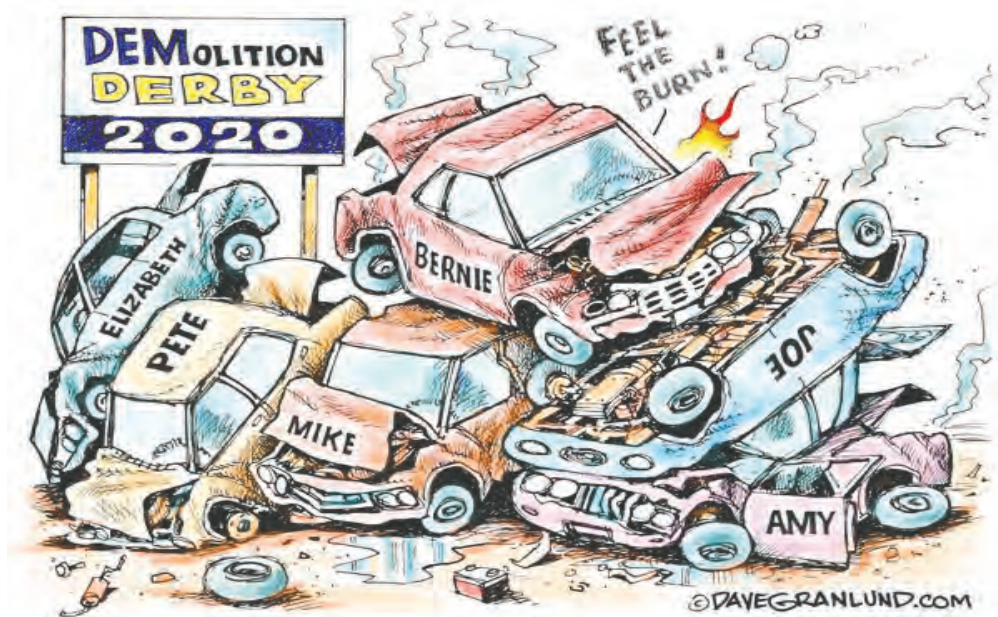
time of thoughtful preparation? Can the days following be times of leaps and bounds towards your personal goals?

As we consider goals, perhaps the famous words that astronaut Neil Armstrong said when walking on the moon on July 20, 1969, "This is one small step for a man. One giant leap for mankind" can influence even the smallest of steps we take to reach our goals.

Well-known, Boston-based artist, author and outstanding calligrapher, Margaret Shepherd, has stated, "When we're not sure of how, when and where to go, sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith."

And, there's always time for a "leaps and bounds" quip to brighten our paths. Doug Larson, often quoted Wisconsin-based editor and columnist wrote, "Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."

May our days before and after the Leap Year Day of 2020 be filled with accomplishments because we spent time looking before we leaped.



POETRY

PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF ANOTHER

By Marge Jesberger
Chicopee

I dusted the cobwebs off my head,
It seemed like the thing to do.
My sweatshirt was crumpled and wrinkled.
It said, "What's new in 2002?"

My stomach was bulging,
The rolls formed a pouch
Then I made up my mind
To get off of the couch.

I put on the activity tracker
To record my fitness.
Now, if only I had someone
To be my witness.

I laced up my sneakers
And was ready to go,
Decided to stretch,
Then started out slow.

With wind on my face
And spring in my step,
I noticed that walking
Was giving me pep.

"Look at that walker"
The neighbors all jeered
but I had the last laugh
When my health re-appeared.

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Fun field forensics with family

If there is one positive to the unseasonably warm winter we've been having it's that going out in the woods is more comfortable.

When it's frigid, I like to sit inside with copious cups of coffee, on the couch, in comfort. But we haven't had many of those days this year. In fact, this whole winter has reminded me of a typical late February, early March series of weather. While the lack of snow might be hampering my abilities to slide down mountains, it has enabled me to get outside a bit more than I expected with my young outdoor adventurers.

Just recently, in the middle of a stressful week, my niece and nephew wanted to go out in the woods, "exploring" around the swamp and family fields.

I always walk with my eyes peeled to the ground and my senses at the ready, trying to pick up anything out of place and will freely admit, I get excited when I find any little treasure like feathers, fur or even bones. I like that they share my enthusiasm.

When we walked into the woods, one of the first observations I made was at the amount of deer droppings there are this year. It caught my attention as much to keep my nephew from touching his face after dropping the football he carried with him as anything. Large buck droppings to doe; fresh and days old.

That got the rusty gears in my brain



Tyler Witkop

to turn. We could start looking for animal sign wherever we could find it and use the experience as a brief introduction to animal tracking.

I took them to the edge of the property along a hill with an old barbed wire fence marking a property line. There's a well used deer trail that crosses a little creek and into a meadow in the floodplain of the Scantic River. On the barbs there's always deer hair.

We came up to the fence and I brought my niece over, asking her what she saw and if she noticed anything on the fence. She didn't, but I did. Little strands of deer hair. So I pulled a hair and asked if

she could guess what it was. She couldn't at first, but was excited when she realized it was a deer and took some as a souvenir.

I just happened to look down and noticed more on the ground. Not in full clumps, but scattered white hairs in the grass and moss. I picked one up and showed it to her and she quickly guessed correctly it was deer hair, and I gave up that it was belly hair. Then I quizzed her as to why belly hair would be on the ground and back hair on the underside of the barbs. She was stumped for a few minutes, but finally got it: they crawled under the fence not jump over it.

Now they are even more excited and eager to find something bigger. And they're figuring out how, one hair at a time.

Chicopee firefighter graduates from academy

SPRINGFIELD — A total of 31 recruits completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program at the Springfield campus Feb. 7 representing 13 fire departments, including Chicopee.

Drew Brzoska, of the Chicopee Fire Department, is among the graduates.

"Today is an exciting day to see these recruits complete their training," State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey said. "This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

The 50-day program

teaches recruits the basic skills needed to complete the tasks required of today's firefighters. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation and fire attack.

Upon completion of the program, graduates meet national standards set by the National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the state's Fire Training Council, accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Young and green



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BALLWAY

Chicopee's Grace McKenna, 4, enjoys the music, and her brother Dylan McKenna, 7, enjoys the refreshments, at Irish Night in Holyoke on Saturday night. The event, hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1 at the Log Cabin, featured a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal, Irish step dancers and a band playing songs of the auld sod.

Golf tournament returns in June

CHICOPEE — Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry will hold the annual 2020 Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 10.

The event starts at 10 a.m. at 1290 Burnett Road. There are five levels of sponsorship packages

available ranging from \$250 to \$4,000. The deadline for major sponsors is May 15 and tee sponsors is May 22. For more information about the event or sponsorship, contact Ruben Reyes at ruben@lorrainessoupkitchen.com.

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IN THE CITY



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Before being named Chicopee's 2020 Colleen, Ava Baron speaks to the audience after a question from Lynn Ostrowski-Ireland, pictured on the far right.



Sophie Warren was one five finalists in last weekend's Chicopee Colleen Contest.



Judith Corridan Danek, the 2013 St. Patrick's Parade Committee president and former Woods Award recipient, speaks as Mayor John Vieau and Lynn Ostrowski-Ireland observe.



Chicopee High School student Makenzie Hernandez is escorted onto the stage during last weekend's Colleen Pageant.



An escort assists Caitlin Mogilka down from the stage following her interview during the 2020 Colleen Pageant last weekend. Mogilka was named to the Colleen's Court.



Lynn Ostrowski-Ireland interviews Karoline Klaus, who was named to the Colleen's Court, during last week's event at the Castle of Knights.



Each member of the Colleen's Court received a variety of gifts at the conclusion of the Colleen Contest, including a cash prize.



An escort helps Erin McCormick to the stage as one of 18 participants in the 2020 Colleen Contest.



Colleen's Court member Meghan Kalbaugh is escorted to the stage during the 2020 Chicopee Colleen Contest.



Mayor John Vieau, Chicopee Parade Marshal James Kelly and 2020 Chicopee St. Patrick's Parade Committee President Brenda Pauze Guiel pose for a photo during last week's Colleen Contest.

COLLEEN from page 1

All five finalists were wrought with emotion following the contest. As members of the court, they'll strive to portray the city in a positive light.

"I hope to inspire as many young girls as possible because when I was a young girl, I was the one who was inspired by the Colleen and her court. The fact that I'm now in their shoes doing that for young girls looking up to me is so special," said Kalbaugh, an 18-year-old freshman at American International College.

A panel of judges interviewed each contestant a week prior to the event. Last Saturday, the panel judged each woman based on showmanship.

When five finalists were decided, an interview session began. Each finalist was called to the stage to speak about a prominent role model.

With all eyes on the stage, the pressure was immense. Warren, a 17-year-old Chicopee Comp senior, confronted the challenge and considered the outcome to be worthwhile.

"Initially, I didn't want to do this because I was afraid to speak in front of a public crowd; especially on stage with lights. I had to get over that fear of public speaking and am so glad that I did because I made lifelong friends that I'll cherish forever," she said.

Over the course of the next year, members of the court will spend countless hours together, preparing for whichever appearance is next on the calendar. Barron is ready to embark on the adventure.

"I'm so excited to spend the next year with my court. There's all amazing girls; I'm very thankful for everything I'm going to learn throughout this experience," she said.

Klaus, 19, is a sophomore at Springfield Technical Community College. She thanked the committee for helping the contestants prepare ahead of the contest and was grateful for the platform to compete.

"It's very important to be a good role model so that young girls can look at us and have the confidence to go up on stage, do their best, smile and feel pretty. Everyone deserves a chance like that," said Klaus.

Mogilka, 19, didn't foresee herself being named to the court. She competed during last year's event and used the experience to ease her fears entering this year's contest.

"I was very shocked. I had done the Colleen contest last year and had no expectation of getting in this year; I just did it for the fun of meeting all of the different people," said Mogilka.

Following the contest, each member of the court was given a variety of gifts, ranging from flowers to jewelry to envelopes of cash. While the court can only include five women, all 18 participants were winners, Barron explained.

"Every single girl, ranging from the first girl who walked out there to the 18th was absolutely stunning and amazing. It was such a loving group and I'm so proud of everyone. They're all amazing girls," she said.

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HOCKEY

Tigers, Pacers tie to end regular season

A rematch between the two teams will start the 3A tourney

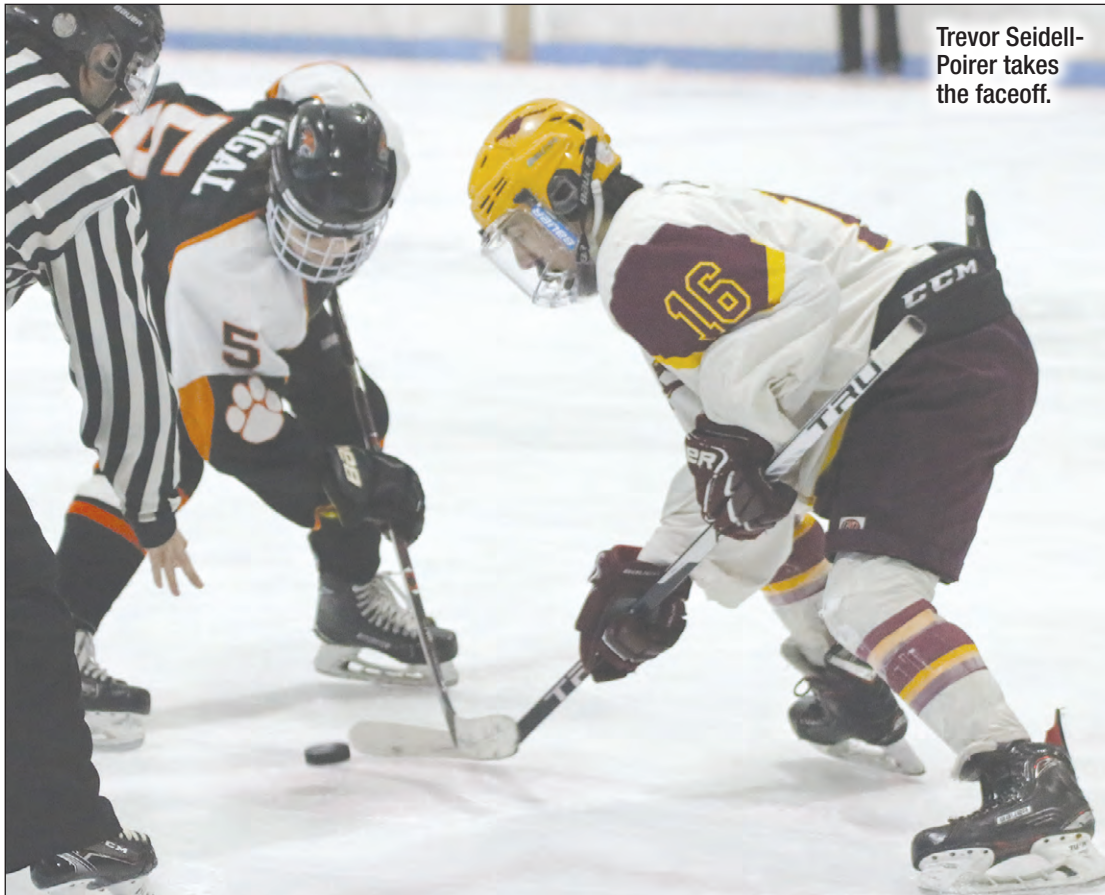
By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — The second meeting of the regular season between Fay Division rivals South Hadley and Chicopee was delayed for about 30 minutes at the start because a broken glass behind one of the goals had to be replaced.

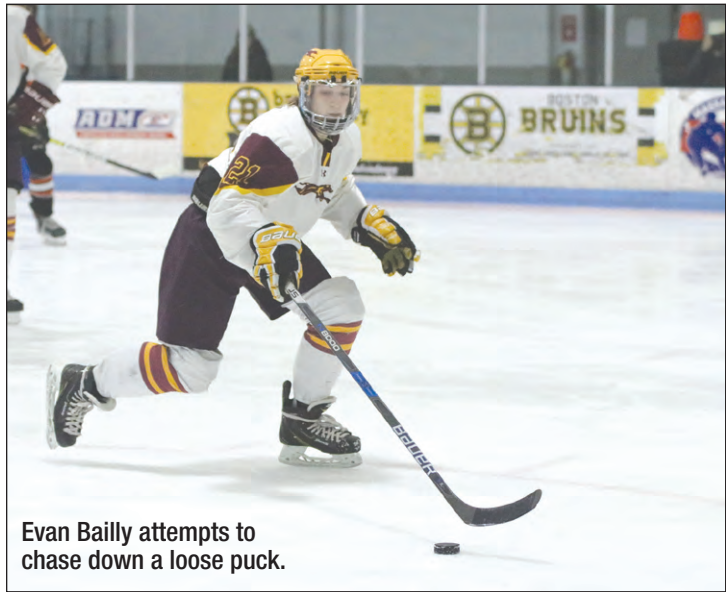
Once the high school hockey game did get underway, it was a high scoring affair which ended in a 5-5 tie at the Smead Arena in West Springfield on President's Day.

"We trailed by a goal in the third period, but we were able to come back and tie the score," said South Hadley head coach Larry Camus. "This was probably a preview of a tournament game. We're looking forward to

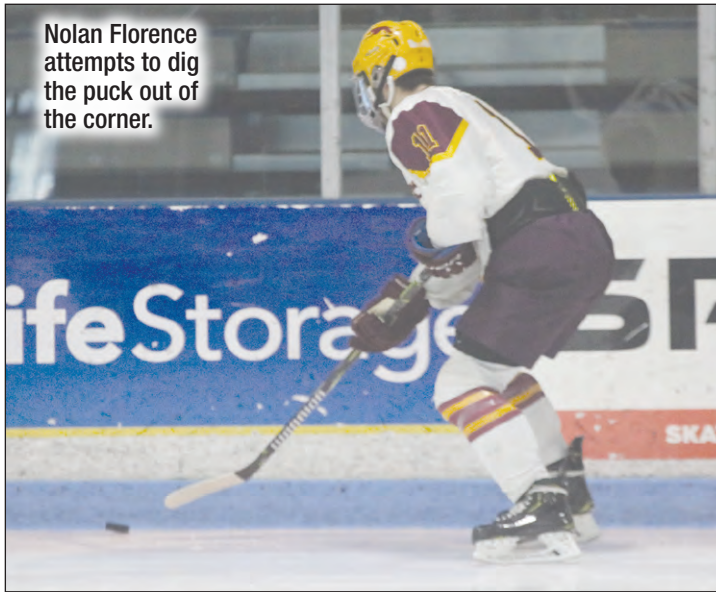
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Trevor Seidell-Poirer takes the faceoff.



Evan Bailly attempts to chase down a loose puck.



Nolan Florence attempts to dig the puck out of the corner.

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YOUTH BASKETBALL

Webb tournament set to take place in March

CHICOPEE — This year marks the 35th year Kevin Vann has enjoyed coaching youth basketball—and for 16 of those years, he has provided young people in Greater Springfield and Northern Connecticut with the chance to play in a competitive tournament.

As the founder of the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament, which supports the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Vann was proud to announce this year to sponsors and participants that the event topped the \$200,000 fundraising mark in 2019.

"Thank you for standing with me over the past 16 years, supporting the kids of the club,"

he said. "I have a deep passion for basketball, yet my 35 years of coaching pales in comparison to the 108 years that the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has been there every day for the now 358 boys and girls of this city. They are children who desperately need encouragement, companionship, challenge and opportunity to help them grow into responsible and respected human beings."

The largest basketball tournament of its kind, the 15-day event tips off on March 13 at the club, ending on March 28.



Kevin Vann

Each year, the tourney draws hundreds of spectators to watch more than 40 teams of boys and girls play.

Vann founded the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament in 2005 to honor his late friend, George Webb, who died of cancer at age 52 in 2004. A basket-

ball player who shot hoops at the club on Tuesday evenings, Webb rarely lost a game, and, Vann said, "When he did, he showed true sportsmanship to whoever he was playing against."

Vann and his business, The Vann Group of Springfield, a

professional services outsourcing company, have sponsored the tournament since its start. And it has been held at the club it supports since the beginning as well.

"The George Webb Basketball Tournament embodies the values of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee," Vann said. "It's an even competition for teams of boys and girls aged 8 to 13 who have varying abilities as ball players."

For the second year in a row, Daishany Miller of Chicopee was named the club's Youth of the Year. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year, a club mem-

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MIAA

Final vote for state tournament this week

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — It comes down to a meeting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28 at 9:45 a.m. to decide whether the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will move forward with a proposal to have a statewide postseason tournament, and eliminate the sectional tournaments.

The vote will take place at special meeting of the Board of Directors at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting will be held for representatives from the 380 members schools, all of which will have a vote on the proposal.

For Western and Central Massachusetts, the statewide tournament proposal would create a 32-team state tournament with additional teams vying to qualify by a .500 record.

It would eliminate the sectional tournaments that currently take place in most sports.

Overall, the proposal has seen some resistance from many athletic directors in Western Mass., who believe the statewide proposal favors the eastern part of the state.

Another contentious issue is how the teams will be ranked. Because of the diversity of teams and leagues in Western Massachusetts, the region has used the Walker system for many years. It factors elements like wins, wins against other qualifying teams, and strength of schedule, applying point values to teams in certain leagues.

The Western Mass. tournament, starting next year, and then state tournaments, if they are voted through for the fall 2021, would be ranked using MaxPreps.

One of many questions brought up during various informational meetings and discussions about the proposal is how exactly MaxPreps will rank the teams. However the rankings system is not made very clear. Coaches and athletic directors will be required to enter win-loss and result information to the MaxPreps website, but the formula to determine rankings is "proprietary" and is not being disclosed publicly, leaving athletic directors with questions about whether the system will be fair to teams throughout the state.

Unlike the eastern side of

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Thunderbirds set for big homestand after OT win

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-24-2-0) clawed back from a 2-0 deficit to stun the Syracuse Crunch (26-22-4-5) by a final score of 3-2 in overtime on Sunday at the MassMutual Center.

After Springfield came up empty on two early power play chances in the opening six minutes, Philippe Desrosiers was a busy netminder for Springfield in the first period, as Syracuse got shots on the T-Birds goalie from all angles, with 18 of them to show for in the first 20 minutes of the game.

Unfortunately, Desrosiers' 18th save attempt was the one that came up empty with just 2.2 seconds on the clock, as Daniel Walcott stole a puck from a T-Bird along the left-wing wall before hitting defenseman Cal Foote in the high slot. With time ticking down, Foote hit the back of the net on the blocker side of Desrosiers to give Syracuse a 1-0 lead after the first.

Defenses tightened in the opening ten minutes of the seconds, as the teams jockeyed for offensive chances. The Crunch then got their first power play of the night at 10:21, and at 12:01, a fortuitous bounce off a T-Birds skate came right to Taylor Raddysh at the left circle. With plenty of room to load up a slap shot, Raddysh blasted the puck through Desrosiers on the glove side to add to the Crunch lead, 2-0.

In need of a spirit-lifter, the Thunderbirds received just that from Ethan Prow, who extended his personal point streak

to five games at 17:25, as he wristed a puck from center point position past the blocker side of Syracuse goalie Spencer Martin, who had stopped 19 of 20 through 40 minutes. Rodrigo Abols picked up the lone helper, as he won the face-off that immediately preceded Prow's eighth goal of the year.

Down a goal heading into the third, the Thunderbirds pushed the issue in the Syracuse zone, and Mason Marchment drew a power play as he was taken down at the side of the net. At 11:39 of the third, Henrik Borgstrom tied the score as he roofed a short-side wrist shot from the right circle thanks to a Jack Rodewald screen in front of the net. Prow picked up his second point of the night with the primary assist.

With the 2-2 score in tow, both teams failed to come up with a power play marker and the score carried into the overtime period. After Desrosiers denied an Alex Volkov shot past the two-minute mark of the period, Brady Keeper charged up the left-wing side, beat a defender to the near post, and chipped a forehand over the glove of Martin to win it for Springfield at 2:17 of the overtime. Desrosiers picked up the assist on the game-winning tally, Keeper's second overtime marker of the season.

Six of Springfield's next seven games will remain inside the MassMutual Center, beginning with a tangle on Friday, Feb. 28 against Bridgeport at 7:05 p.m.



PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Jakob Raleigh makes his way across center ice.

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facing Chicopee again. It's a very big rivalry game for us."

"A tie is better than a loss heading into the playoffs," added Chicopee head coach Al Stykiewicz. "This game really shouldn't affect our tournament seeding one way or another. We'll probably be playing them again in the playoffs."

The fourth-seeded Pacers and the fifth-seeded Tigers were scheduled to meet each other for the third time in a Western Mass. Division 3A first round match-up at the Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield on Tuesday night. The winner of that match-up will face top-seeded Greenfield in the semifinals at Olympia on Saturday.

South Hadley wrapped up the regular season with an 11-7-2 overall record and a 5-4-1 league mark.

The Tigers have also had a co-op with Granby High School during the past couple of years. The six players from Granby listed on the Tigers hockey roster are sophomore Dylan Laramée, sophomore Gabe Arabik, sophomore Kadyne Laramée, freshman Mike Arabik, freshman Nate Loughman, and freshman Josh Chateaufort.

"It's very nice to have this co-op with South Hadley," said Kadyne Laramée, who's wrapping up his second season as a member of the Tigers varsity hockey team. "We wouldn't be able to play high school hockey without the co-op with South Hadley."

The Pacers, who lost to the Tigers, 7-1, in the first meeting of the regular season at the beginning of February, finished the regular season with a 9-7-4 overall record and with a 3-3-4 league mark.

Chicopee senior goalie Sam Fournier made his second career start against South Hadley. He also started on senior night. He was replaced by junior David Shea in the middle of the opening period in the regular season finale.

South Hadley and Chicopee combined to score four goals during the first period.

The fireworks began with Kadyne Laramée firing a shot from the blue line. The puck crossed over the goal-line after deflecting off the post for an unassisted goal at the 1:26 mark.

Four minutes later, the Tigers took a 2-0 lead following a short-handed goal by sophomore Joe Meon. There were still 30 seconds remaining in the power-play when Meon, who was also credited with a pair of assists in the match, scored on a backhand.

The scoreboard operator failed to restart the clock following the Tigers second goal. The Tigers player, who had been in the penalty box left early resulting in a minor penalty for too many men on the ice.

The penalty shifted the momentum towards the Chicopee side for the rest of the first period.



Kraig Geissler takes a wrist shot from the far side.

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the state, many teams in Western Mass. are disbursed into leagues with teams in multiple divisions. The Walker system takes that format into account.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:45 p.m. The MIAA will hear a final presentation from the Tournament Management Committee and will hear from

speakers. According to the press release from the MIAA, speakers will have limited time to speak, and wish for points not to be repeated to keep the discussion moving.

A final vote is expected to take place just before 11 a.m. Each member school will have one vote, which will come from the member school's principal or their designee, an athletic director in some cases.

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ber must embody the values of leadership and service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles. The Youth of the Year serves as a role model for other young people in the club and as a representative to the community.

Drawn to investigate the club in 2014, Miller, 19, soon adopted it as a second home and learned how to thrive as a leader. "It takes strength to fit in and courage to stand out," Miller said. "The club is there for me and encourages me to take the steps I need to strive to be a better version of myself."

Vann said the tournament has allowed thousands of young people to experience the safe haven that is the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, play a sport and develop values that will last them a lifetime.

The club has a mission to fill the gap between school and home. According to a national organization called the After-school Alliance, every day, 362,312 chil-

dren in Massachusetts leave school with nowhere to go with an adult present.

The club offers activities, resources, supportive relationships with peers and adults and programs that can be life-changing, and it served 1,802 young people last year; 358 were members, and the other 1,444 were served through community outreach programs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has two locations in town and is staffed by 30 adults and 50 volunteers.

Seventy-one percent of those who are nurtured at the club are 12 and younger; the others are teenagers. Of the total served, 69 percent are in minority ethnic groups and 32 percent are in single-parent households.

For more information about the tournament, visit bgcchicopee.org/george-webb-memorial-basketball-tournament/. For information on sponsorship opportunities, visit georgewebbtournament.com or contact Ruth Griggs at (413) 727-3354 or email her at ruth@rccomms.com.



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Western Mass. Basketball Bracketology

Editor's Note: These brackets represent Turley Sports picks for the upcoming basketball tournaments. They are for the enjoyment of our readers. Please play along and compare your brackets to ours and see if you can pick the winners, too.


DIVISION 1 BOYS

Quarter Finals		Final Four	Finals	Champions
1	Central (19-1)	Central	Central	 Central
4	Commerce (14-6)			
5	Holyoke (11-9)	Holyoke		
2	Putnam (15-5)	Putnam	Putnam	
3	Sci-Tech (16-4)			
6	Minnechaug (12-8)	Sci-Tech		

Division 1 Boys

Central had a bounce-back season after losing a few games last season. The Golden Eagles lost just once this season. Holyoke will reach the semifinals, but will fall to Central. Putnam and Sci-Tech will go at it in the other semifinal, with Putnam prevailing. Central beats Putnam in the finals.


DIVISION 2 BOYS

Quarter Finals		Final Four	Finals	Champions
1	Chicopee (16-4)	Chicopee	Chicopee	 Chicopee
4	Quabbin (15-5)			
5	Tantasqua (13-7)	Tantasqua		
2	Longmeadow (13-7)	Longmeadow	Taconic	
7	Ludlow (10-10)			
3	Taconic (16-4)	Taconic		
6	Belchertown (9-11)	Taconic		

Division 2 Boys

Chicopee continues to get better and earns the top seed in the D2 tourney. We think this year will be the Pacers' year, led by 1,000-point scorer Kobe Parker. Ludlow and Belchertown will reach tournament for the first time in a while. But both will fall to more experienced playoff teams.


DIVISION 1 GIRLS

Quarter Finals		Final Four	Finals	Champions
1	Central (12-7)	Central	Central	 Central
4	Westfield (11-9)			
5	Holyoke (10-10)			
2	Minnechaug (16-4)	Minnechaug	Chicopee	
3	Chicopee (14-6)			
		Chicopee		

Division 1 Girls

Central is tough to knock off, but Minnechaug managed it earlier this season. But Central has come along of late. Minnechaug had a strong season, but the injury of a top player could hurt in the playoffs. We pick Chicopee to come out and challenge Central for the title.


DIVISION 2 GIRLS

Quarter Finals		Final Four	Finals	Champions
1	Northampton (14-6)	Northampton Tantasqua	Northampton	
8	Pittsfield (10-10)			
4	E. Longmeadow (13-7)			
5	Tantasqua (15-5)			
2	Longmeadow (13-7)	Longmeadow Taconic	Taconic	
7	Amherst (15-5)			
3	Taconic (18-2)			
6	Quabbin (15-5)			

Division 2 Girls

Northampton will be upset in the finals by Taconic, which plays a Berkshire schedule and won 18 games this season. Quabbin and Tantasqua fall in the earlier rounds.

DIVISION 3 BOYS

Round 1		Quarter Finals		Final Four		Finals		Champions		Finals		Final Four		Quarter Finals		Round 1	
1	Narragansett (18-2)	Narragansett		Mt. Greylock		Wahconah		<div> Frontier</div>		Frontier		South Hadley		Sabis		2 Sabis (12-8)	
8	Greenfield (13-7)	Mt. Greylock		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		South Hadley		South Hadley		7 South Hadley (14-6)	
9	Mt. Greylock (14-6)	Wahconah		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		South Hadley		Frontier		10 Mahar (10-10)	
4	Wahconah (15-5)	Renaissance		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		South Hadley		Monument Mtn		3 Frontier (16-4)	
13	Hoosac (10-10)	Renaissance		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		South Hadley		Monument Mtn		14 Athol (9-11)	
5	Renaissance (16-4)	Murdock		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		South Hadley		Monument Mtn		6 Monument Mtn (15-5)	
12	Murdock (14-6)	Murdock		Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Frontier		South Hadley		Monument Mtn		11 Palmer (11-9)	

Division 3 Boys


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DIVISION 3 GIRLS

Round 1		Quarter Finals		Final Four		Finals		Champions		Finals		Final Four		Quarter Finals		Round 1			
1	Wahconah (16-4)	Wahconah		Wahconah		Frontier		Wahconah		Hampshire		Hampshire		Mahar		Hampshire		2	Hampshire (13-7)
8	Frontier (14-6)																	9	Palmer (10-10)
4	Greenfield (15-5)	Greenfield		Greenfield		Sabis		Greenfield		Hoosac		Hoosac		Hoosac		Granby		3	Hoosac (14-6)
5	Sabis (11-9)																	12	Easthampton (12-8)
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Western Mass. Basketball Bracketology

DIVISION 4 BOYS

Round 1 Quarter Finals Final Four Finals Champions Finals Final Four Quarter Finals Round 1

1 Bay State Academy (14-6) 8 Duggan (16-4) 9 Granby (10-10) 4 Monson (14-6) 13 Smith Voke (9-11) 5 Lenox (12-8) 12 Westfield Tech (9-9)

2 Drury (13-7) 7 Turners Falls (10-10) 10 Franklin Tech (14-6) 3 Hopkins (13-7) 6 Ware (11-9) 11 Hampden Charter (14-6)

Monson

Mustangs

Division 4 Boys

An interesting bracket with varied strengths of schedule for many of the top teams involved. We pick Monson to win. They had a tough schedule and won a lot of games by big scores. They also have Logan Gerry, who notched 1,000 points this season.

DIVISION 4 GIRLS

Round 1 Quarter Finals Final Four Finals Champions Finals Final Four Quarter Finals Round 1

1 Monson (18-2) 8 North Brookfield (13-7) 9 Putnam (11-9) 4 Lee (11-9) 13 St. Mary (11-7) 5 Franklin Tech (17-3) 12 Pathfinder (12-8)

2 Ware (15-5) 15 Gateway (10-10) 7 McCann Tech (11-9) 10 Pioneer (10-10) 3 Lenox (13-7) 14 Duggan (10-10) 6 Hopkins (12-8) 11 Hampden Charter (12-6)

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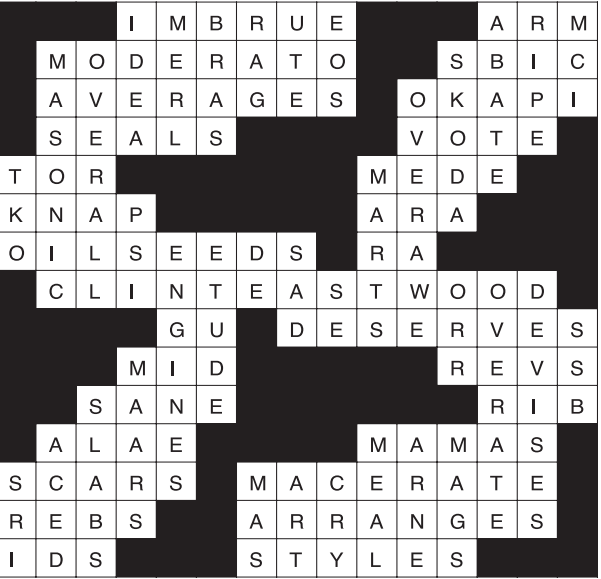
Mustangs

Division 4 Girls

The largest bracket in the tournament with 15 teams qualifying. Monson was by far the best team in the Division and is our pick to win it all. Ware had another great season, and will get to the finals this season with a big win over Lenox.

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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 academic year.

More than \$200,000 in awards is available for incoming, continuing and transferring HCC students.

The application deadline is Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships, which are awarded through the HCC Foundation, HCC's nonprofit fundraising corporation.

Applicants need only fill out a single online form to be automati-

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SPRINGFIELD – The Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts Scholarship Committee announces scholarship applications are now available online at adclubwm.org.

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Emmanuel College names fall Dean's List

BOSTON – In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Chicopee students earning Dean's List honors are Mikaela Montemagni and Angelica Obiedzinski.

Western New England names President's List

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University congratulates close to 500 students named to the fall 2019 President's List

From Chicopee are Vanessa Narejo, Cory Waring, Magen Lindsey, Chad Parent, Irina Dumanetskaya, Emma Laughlin, Lyubov Kodreanu, Tatyana Kondrenu, Dominic Romano, Connor McDowell, Daniel Wolf, Michael Doyle, Lyndsey Brennan, Sarah Dziedzic, Kaitlyn Lambert, and Steven Lariviere.

Bryant University names Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. – Bryant University recognized recently the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. From Chicopee are Kylie Ratelle and Kayla Batalha.

Chicopee student named to President's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – The University of Hartford announced that Sara Opramolla, of Chicopee, has been named to its President's List, signified by a 3.75 GPA or higher, for fall 2019.

Journalism scholarships available through NENPA

Aspiring journalists are encouraged to apply for a New England Newspaper and Press Association scholarship through the Journalism Education Foundation of New England.

High school seniors and college students studying and acquiring work experience preparing them for a career in journalism are eligible to apply.

To qualify, students must be a resident of New England, be a high school senior or college undergraduate studying journalism or a related field, and have GPA of 3.0

or higher. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate a serious interest in journalism by sending a cover letter, transcript, resume or biography, letter of recommendation and a body of published work in a school news publication, general circulation newspaper or similar publication or a body of work prepared for a journalism class.

The deadline for applications is March 27.

For more information or applications, visit nenpa.com/students/scholarships.

Valley Press Club to award journalism scholarships

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Press Club will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in Western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut pursuing a career in journalism.

The Valley Press Club Scholarships, funded by contributions and dues to the Press Club, are for students planning careers in print, online or broadcast journalism.

The Republican Scholarship, funded by The Republican newspaper and administered by the club, is for students living within the newspaper's circulation area who are planning careers in print journalism.

The 22News Scholarship, funded by WWLP-22News and administered by the club, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism.

The Edward J. Malley Jr. Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of a chief photographer for the Springfield Newspapers, is for students planning careers in photo-journalism.

The Rhonda Swan Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the award-winning journalist, editor and author, is for students who are underrepresented, in the Springfield area, planning careers in journalism.

The Al Jaffe Scholarship, funded by Mr. Jaffe, the Valley Press Club's first scholarship recipient in 1964, who retired in 2015 as vice president of talent negotiation and production recruitment at ESPN, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism or sports journalism.

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Scholarship applications are available at www.ValleyPressClub.com, high school guidance offices, or by emailing NTassinari@TheBigE.com.

Applications may be sent by mail to Noreen Tassinari, VPC Scholarship Chair, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089 or electronically to NTassinari@TheBigE.com. The deadline for submissions is April 1.

AIC offers program in cannabis science next fall

SPRINGFIELD – American International College recently announced it will offer a Master of Science in Cannabis Science and Commerce beginning in the fall semester 2020.

The 30-credit, hybrid graduation program is designed for individuals interested in a career in the cannabis industry and will provide students with an understanding of the science, business, and legal issues associates with the cannabis industry. The program offers education in the areas of basic science including chemistry, horticulture, cultivation, uses, and delivery systems; business management, marketing, and operations; and federal and state

laws and policies.

According to a March 2020 jobs report by cannabis website Leafly, over the past four years, legal cannabis supports nearly a quarter of a million jobs. That equated to a 15 percent annual uptick in employment. The multi-billion dollar cannabis industry continues to be the single greatest job creation engine nationally, growing at a faster rate than any other industry in the same timeframe.

In the Northeast, Massachusetts is among the top 10 states where cannabis jobs exist. Moreover, reported retail sales to the Cannabis Control Commission were \$420 million in 2019. Smaller markets

like Maine and Vermont, that previously legalized recreational marijuana without allowing sales, may finally see regulated stores open in the coming year.

AIC's Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mika Nash says, "American International College is excited to introduce a graduate level program that offers courses focused on developing business acumen in a field that is experiencing a meteoric rise. AIC is positioning itself to be an educational leader in this flourishing industry in order to ensure our student have job opportunities upon graduation."

For more information visit www.aic.edu/cannabis.

Scholarships available for hospitality students

HARTFORD, Conn. – Max Cares Foundation Inc. is offering scholarships of up to \$5,000 for students looking to attend or who currently attend a culinary arts or hospitality school. The application is available online at www.maxcaresfoundation.org/scholarships.

The deadline for application is April 1.

Applicants must be a Greater Hartford or Greater Springfield high school senior in good standing, eligible for graduation the same year as the scholarship application and seeking to earn a secondary degree in Culinary Arts or Hospitality oriented program. Students may also be currently enrolled in a secondary culinary arts or hospitality-oriented program. Previous MCF scholarship recipients who are continuing their education are able to reapply.

MCF scholarships may be used at any properly accredited college, university or trade school

providing training in culinary and hospitality fields. Funds must be used within 12 months of the grant and can be utilized to defray tuition, supplies, room or board. Max Cares Foundation reserves the right to pay the institution directly.

Interested students must submit a completed application, a school transcript evidencing a minimum 2.50 GPA or progress towards achieving the required GPA, a typed essay of between 250 and 500 words describing why you are applying for this scholarship, your affiliation with the culinary and/or hospitality industry, if any, and your career goals.

Additionally, students must submit a letter of recommendation from an educator, counselor or employer. Family members are ineligible.

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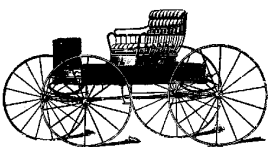
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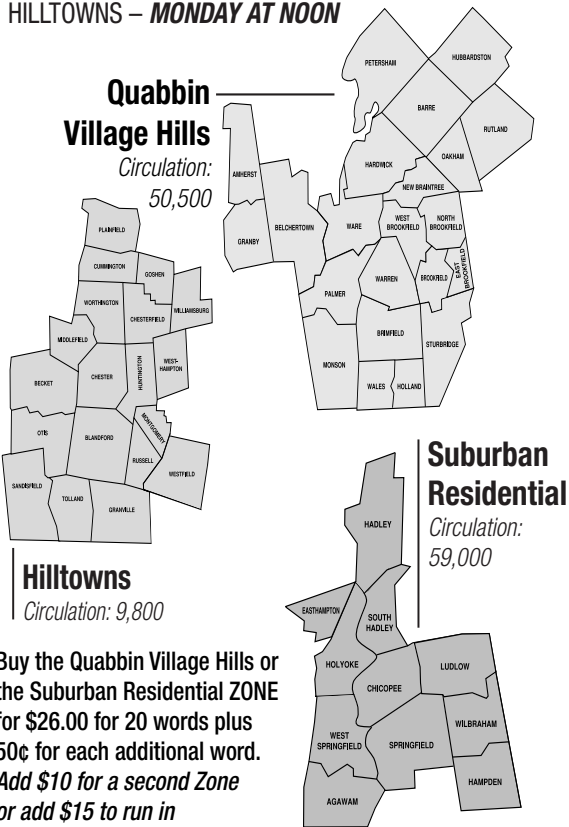
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SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

HEALING SERVICE. A healing service at Trinity Episcopal Church, 27 Streiber Drive, will take place Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

SHINING STARS GALA. The Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce will hold its 35th anniversary Shining Stars Awards Gala Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive. All are welcome to celebrate the 2020 recipients, which are Business of the Year: Caolo & Bieniek Associates, Citizen of the Year: Ruth Willemain of Harmony House of Western Mass., Non-

profit of the Year: Roca, and Volunteer of the Year: Youssef Fadel.

Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by the program and awards at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

TEACUP RAFFLE. St. Stanislaus School announced a Silent Auction and Teacup Raffle to take place Saturday, March 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the school, 534 Front St. Admission is \$5 and free for children younger than 4-years-old. For more information, call the school at 592-5135.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

RECYCLING AND CAN DRIVE. The St. Stanislaus School Student Council will hold an Electronics Recycling and Can and Bottle Drive Saturday, May 30 from 8 a.m. to noon at the school, 534 Front St. Folks may deliver their small electronic devices and appliances (no large appliances accepted) as well as redeemable bottles and cans as part of a collection. For more information, call the school at 592-5135.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING. The 25th annual St. Stanislaus School Golf Outing will tee-off Sunday, May 31 at the Chicopee Country Club. Golf begins with lunch and registration at 11:45 a.m. For more information and registration forms, contact Cheryl Pereira at cpereira@saintstansschool.org or Kasia Manning at kmanning@saintstansschool.org.

ONGOING

AMERICAN BOSCH SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB meets every third Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 452, 37 Exchange St. All are welcome.

AMVETS12 offers dinners twice a month at the AMVETS Post 12, 754 Montgomery St. The second Thursday of each month features a prime rib dinner served from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, at a cost of \$13, are required. The third Thursday of the month is a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are not required, but cost is \$5. Post membership is not required. For more information, call the post at 413-588-8060. No spaghetti dinners will be served in August.

BUILDING BRIDGES VETERANS INITIATIVE offers a free weekly luncheon for veterans at the Chicopee Lodge of Elks, 431 Granby Road, from noon to 1:30 p.m. All veterans are welcome.

CHICOPEE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES is compiling a list of Purple Heart recipients connected to the city of Chicopee. Those who have received the medal or who know someone who has are encouraged to contact the Department of Veterans Services at 413-594-3470.

CHICOPEE FALLS WOMAN'S CLUB meets every third Thursday of the month (except June, July and August) at 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 452, 37 Exchange St. Come join us with our charity endeavors.

CHICOPEE VILLAGE offers drop-in story times each Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the

facility located at 68 Eastern Drive. Each week features an activity and free snacks for children ages 5 and under. For more information, call Maritza at 413-536-0363 ext. 5643.

HOLYOKE-CHICOPEE FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM invites folks to a free parent social every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the WIC office, 35 Mt. Carmel Ave. in Chicopee.

The "Baby and Me" program is suitable for those with children ages newborn to 2-years-old, with opportunities for reading, learning and play time. Ages and stages questionnaires and child development information will be available to parents weekly.

For more information or to register, call Maritza at 413-536-0363 ext. 5643.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 27 Streiber Drive. Sunday service at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion followed by coffee hour and socializing. All are welcome.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., invites interested families to visit the school during Tuesday Tours. Visitors may tour the school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary. SJA School welcomes students in pre-kindergarten (3-4 year olds) to grade 8. Those in need of a different day may call 533-1475 to schedule a tour.

HOLYOKE CHICOPEE COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT holds a free drop-in playgroup, Learning Through Play for children birth to age 5 and a caregiver on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Chicopee Parks and Recreation Building, 687 Front St. Each week offers learning activities, songs, rhymes and stories. For more information, call CFCE at 413-536-0363.

CHICOPEE LINDY AND BLUES TUESDAYS 7-10 p.m. Weekly swing and blues dance. Beginner lesson at 7 p.m. Social dancing 8-10 p.m. Held in the community hall (back entrance) of Christ's Community Church, 103 Springfield St. More information at www.meetup.com/Chicopee-Lindy-and-Blues.

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